

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 814

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to commend Thomas Allan Murphy for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this General Assembly is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Allan Murphy is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris; Thomas Murphy's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a recipient of the Presidential Research Scholarship and student at Austin Peay State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Murphy has achieved academic success while majoring in foreign language, minoring in international studies and political science, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, the Laurel Wreath Honor Society, the President's Emerging Leaders Program, the University Library Committee, Upward Bound, and Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, additionally, during his college career, he has accompanied the university choir and jazz ensembles as a pianist, been elected to serve as a Student Government Association senator, and served as a teaching assistant for APSU 1000; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Thomas Murphy brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2016 session of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2016 legislative session, Thomas Murphy has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Thomas Allan Murphy for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.